

## Plans now being finalized for Elba's Christmas Festival '92

by Henrietta Grimes

The 5th Annual Christmas Festival will be held on December 12, 1992. We are excited about all of the events planned. Let me share some of them with you.

The day will begin with our Arts and Crafts exhibitors ready to show their merchandise at 9 o'clock a.m. They will be set up all around the court square. We hope to have every space taken. If you know of someone who might still need a space, please call Lynn Baker at 897-3813 nights, or Jean Kennett at 897-3125 days, or Henrietta Grimes at 897-2252 days or 897-5653 nights.

We will be having entertainment throughout the day. We are real excited about our local talent as well as some that will be coming in to Elba. Our own Rob Hudson who performed with "Music Country Music" in Fiesta Texas will be singing during the day. We will even have our own "Elvis" and band performing for us. We will have Geneva Senior Citizens Band coming again to bring their special Christmas greetings. We have several other locals who will be sharing their spirit of Christmas with us during the day. If you

have something that you think we might enjoy seeing or hearing, call and let us know. We certainly have room for all the "Christmas Holiday" fashions they have in store.

We will have a live Nativity sponsored by the Adult Sunday School Class at Westside Baptist Church beginning at approximately 6:00 p.m. and lasting until 7:00 p.m.

for the holidays. If you have any particular thing that you would like to model or be modeled, please contact Ellen Lowrey or Marsha Oggs. Seamstresses let us see what you have been doing with your sewing talents in 1992.

The "Little Miss Christmas" pageant will be held at 3 o'clock on the

12th at Center Stage. Any little girl in kindergarten thru 3rd grade can participate in this event. Applications will be sent home on Monday after Thanksgiving, so "Mommies" please be on the look out for these. If you do not receive one and would like to have one, please call Henrietta Grimes or Jean Kennett. They will also be available in the offices of all the local schools, Elba, Kinston, New Brocton, and Zion Chapel. We would like to have as many girls as possible to be in the pageant. Every entry will receive a trophy.

Our annual town lighting ceremony will be held just before the parade at 5 o'clock. Jimmy Foley who has handled this for Elba for many, many years will again this year be at his job. Let's all be there to support Jimmy as he lights the City of Elba for Christmas 1992. Last but not least will be our parade. It will be at 5 o'clock. We want as many entries as we possibly can have. We would like for all schools, churches, clubs, organizations (scouts, both boys and girls) individuals to join us and make this the largest one ever. We need all the

bands, school organizations, Little Misses, Big Misses, cheerleaders, anyone who might represent your school in any way. Make a Christmas poster and come join us in the fun. Churches get your groups together and let your church help us celebrate this blessed event that happened a long time ago, Christ's birth. If you cannot have a float, you might like for your group to walk and sing as they march along. Come on, let's all come together and make this parade the biggest and best every. We will be lining up at the old elementary school on the Troy Highway. Hope to see you there.

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We are asking for your help in all events of the day. If you feel that you can help in any way and have not been contacted, please call and let us know, we certainly can use you. Remember this is your festival and it will not be anymore than what we make it to be. Let's make the 1992 Christmas Festival the best yet.



Pictured above (l-r) are: Doris Matthews, Jean Kennett, Henrietta Grimes, Ralph Bradley and Jack E. Brunson as they look over the plans for Elba's Christmas Festival '92.

## Local residents - beware

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

'Tis the season to be jolly, spread good cheer and the giving of gifts, but unfortunately it is also the season for stealing!

Law enforcement officials are cautioning local residents and shoppers to take extra precautions during the holiday season.

During this time of the year with Christmas packages in cars and presents under the tree, the temptation to steal is a lot greater.

Christmas shoppers are asked to place their purchases in the trunk of their car out of sight of people passing.

Residents are encouraged to double check their doors and windows when leaving their homes. Neighbors should assist each other in keeping a watchful eye on their neighborhood.

Elba Police Chief Hanchey said, "This would be an ideal time for local communities within the city to organize neighborhood crime watches."

If each neighborhood formed a crime watch, it would serve as a deterrent to burglars and thieves.

Also, it could provide police with valuable information with which to solve a crime, should one occur in a neighborhood protected by crime watches.

Any neighborhood wishing to organize a crime watchers group should contact Chief Hanchey or Officer Dean Blair at 897-2555.

Hanchey and Blair will be available to meet with or answer any questions that individuals or groups may have about organizing a neighborhood crime watch in their community.

## Victoria man found dead from gunshot wound in head

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

A young man was found shot to death Tuesday afternoon in the Victoria Community located northeast of Elba.

According to authorities, Ashley Ray Jinnright, age 27, of Route 1, Elba, was found shot to death in a wooded area just off Co. Rd. 129 near Victoria.

The victim appeared to have died from a single gunshot wound to the head.

Jinnright's body was discovered by

a neighbor who had gone looking for the young man after an organized search was begun.

Reportedly, Jinnright was last seen on Saturday walking into the woods in the vicinity of where his body was later found by the neighbor.

Coffee County Coroner Bobby Baker pronounced the victim dead at the scene at approximately 3:00 p.m. and the body was removed from the scene by the DFS (Department of Forensic Science).

An autopsy will be performed in Montgomery to determine the exact time and cause of death.

The incident is being investigated by Coroner Baker, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office, and the Alabama department of Forensic Science.

The victim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Starling Jinnright of the Victoria Community.

Starling Jinnright was a candidate for the District 2 Seat on the Coffee County Commission during recent elections.

## \* \* HAPPENINGS \* \*

**GO TIGERS GO.** The Elba Tigers will play Ashville Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in Miller Memorial Stadium. Friday night's game will be the semi-finals in the Alabama High School Association's "3-A Prep Football Playoffs."

**FINAL GAME.** According to Principal Charles Clark, the Elba Tigers will play their final game ever in Miller Memorial Stadium this Friday evening, Dec. 4, 1992, at 7:30 p.m. All former players and cheerleaders are being asked to make a special effort to attend Friday's football game and join the cheerleaders and fans in forming a "Spirit Line" for the Tigers prior to the start of the game. Former members of the Marching Tiger Band are also being asked to attend Friday's game and will be asked to join the band on the football field during its halftime show. Win or lose this will be a very special night for Elba Tiger Football.

**CHRISTMAS KETTLE.** The Salvation Army will be placing a Christmas Kettle at the Big Bear in Elba during the holiday season. Elba citizens, clubs, youth organizations, church groups, etc., are being asked to assist the Salvation Army in sponsoring (working) the kettle. Since the Elba flood, many residents have shown an interest in donating their time to help this volunteer effort. Interested individuals or groups may call Jean Moore at 897-2841, Miriam Farris at 347-0881 or B. F. Garth at 347-8690.

## Boothe & City signs settlement - no lawsuit

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

A settlement has been reached to a threatened lawsuit against the City of Elba and the Water & Electric Board by Administrative Assistant Pat Boothe.

The agreement was reached between Mrs. Boothe, City Attorney Mark Vaughan and Mickey Murdock, Chairman of the Water & Electric Board on November 20th and finalized on November 23rd.

Mrs. Boothe had written the W & E members and city officials through her Montgomery lawyer after she had been fired by Mayor Ricky Haywood, shortly after he was sworn into office.

The letter from her lawyer said she was released in violation of the merit system guidelines.

The settlement calls for her to retain her position with no indications in her personnel file of any break in employment.

A condition of the agreement, repeated in similar words three times in Section 1 of the agreement, is that: "Patricia M. Boothe does hereby release, discharge, acquit and absolve each of her employers named above from all claims arising or created prior to the execution of this agreement which have resulted from her dismissal from employment..."

She will work upstairs in the Elba Police Department and will report directly to W & E Chairman Mickey Murdock. Both the workplace and supervisor are to be in force as long as Ricky Haywood remains Mayor "or until such sooner time as may be mutually agreed upon between the parties."

The agreement states, "At the expiration of Mayor Ricky Haywood's term as mayor of the City of Elba Patricia M. Boothe shall return to work at the Elba Municipal Building."

If Murdock resigns or is removed from the W & E Board, Mrs. Boothe will then be answerable directly to the W & E Board.

Murdock's direct supervision of this employee will expire upon the expiration of Mayor Ricky Haywood's term in office as mayor of

the City of Elba.

Her duties, according to the agreement, shall include auditing and double checking monthly meter readings; auditing and double checking monthly utility bills to customers; inventorying and insuring accuracy of meters; and such other clerical or administrative duties as may be assigned by Mickey Murdock or the Water and Electric Board.

Mrs. Boothe will be provided with a suitable typewriter and a computer terminal.

A monetary compensation of \$5,750 is called for in the settlement. This is "compensation for loss of earnings, attorney's fees, travel expense, interest on borrowed funds and all other consequential and incidental damages and expenses incurred by her."

Sections 11 and 12 of the settlement call for confidentiality on the part of all parties of the settlement. "Neither party shall disseminate, distribute or share any of the terms of this agreement with any other person or entity for any purpose, except in a court of law in an action for the breach of any portion thereof."

The settlement states in more than one place that the employers don't admit any fault or wrongdoing. The expressed reason for making the settlement is "...to avoid the expense and unwanted publicity of further litigation by any employees or former employees of the City of Elba or the W and Electric Board."

Mrs. Boothe agreed: "(a) to maintain extreme confidentiality as to the terms of this settlement; (b) Not to divulge the terms of this settlement...to any other employee or former employee...; (c) Not to advise, counsel, assist, encourage or in anywise participate with any other employee or former employee in any claim, grievance or legal proceedings arising out of employment with the City of Elba or the Water and Electric Board; (d) Not to offer any testimony, statement, disposition or affidavit on behalf of any employee or former employee which may be used as evidence in a court of law; and specifically not appear in any court as a witness against the City of Elba, its

Water and Electric Board, and/or any of their members, officers or council members."

Mrs. Boothe was contacted for comment and declined, as did Board Chairman Mickey Murdock.

Murdock said he had signed the agreement of confidentiality and

## Anonymous phone call leads to confidential document

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

In perfect James Bond fashion The Elba Clipper received a copy of a confidential settlement made recently between Mrs. Pat Boothe, The Elba Water and Electric Board and the City of Elba.

The information was obtained after an anonymous phone call told a staff member, "the information you want is on the porch of the old school." A plain manila envelope lying on the steps of the old Elba High School contained a copy of the eight page settlement. An Enterprise newspaper had received a copy in the mail...again from an anonymous source.

This newspaper had quietly pointed out to the parties involved that it was not legal to make such settlements confidential. Alabama law says it was public business and public money involved and can't be confidential.

A recent case in Oxford, AL was

thought he should respect the agreement.

Boothe was visibly upset that copies were public. She asked, "How does everyone have copies of this thing when I wasn't even given a copy?"

That case a lawsuit was filed by a newspaper to obtain the results of the settlement. The judge ruled the Open Records laws defiantly apply and gave the city five days to release the information and pay the cost of the lawsuit.

Mayor Ricky Haywood said earlier this week that originally he and the city attorney were the only people with copies of the settlement.

Haywood said he had a copy in the breakroom of city hall prior to the November 23rd city council meeting, showing it to Water & Electric Board members who were party to the settlement. He isn't sure what happened to his copy and feels those surfacing now are copied from the one which were originally in his working papers.

City Attorney Mark Vaughan said late Tuesday the settlement might have fallen through already because the money called for in the agreement hasn't been paid.

## Elba mayor arrested for harassment

by Ferrin Cox  
Publisher

*NOTE: This newspaper doesn't normally report misdemeanors. However it is felt the prominence of the parties, uniqueness of the circumstances and one party allegedly acting in his official capacity as Mayor of Elba warrant this public airing of the charges and ultimate outcome of the case.*

Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood has been charged with harassment by former Mayor Fred Moore.

Moore charges the harassment took place on Wednesday morning, November 25, 1992 (last week). He explains he was in the office of former City Clerk Pat Boothe, upstairs over the police station talking with her about a request he had received in the mail from city hall.

He explained that a typographical error had been made in the minutes of a meeting while he was mayor

and a clerk wanted him to sign a corrected set of minutes.

"I don't think I can legally do that," Moore said. He further explained that minutes would have to be signed by himself and the city clerk - Mrs. Boothe - and he was there discussing with her the legality of such signing.

He said Haywood came down the hall and asked, "Is there a convention going on up here?"

Reportedly that was followed by ordering Moore out of the building, following him down the hall, down the stairs and to his truck. Moore says he was told to stay out of that building and all other city buildings because he was no longer mayor.

A warrant, signed by Moore, was issued on the harassment charge Monday afternoon. He said Tuesday night he hoped this would prevent him any further embarrassment as he continued to live here and conduct his personal business.

Haywood reported to the county jail Tuesday night after closing his



**ELBA'S NATIVE SON...** Rob Hudson sang the National Anthem prior to the Elba-Southern Choctaw football game last Friday evening. This past summer, Rob performed at Opryland's newest theme park, Fiesta Texas, located in San Antonio, TX.

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## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We spent Thanksgiving Day watching football and eating everything in sight at the home of our daughter and her family. They have a yard man who is a devout Hindu or something. He will only work five hours a day as he mediates or "does his thing" the balance of the time. Anyway, the man has built a playhouse for them in their back yard. He also stuck up some Hindu, Chinese and Indian proverbs around the area. His religion apparently has great respect for animals, as there were things about "loans being strong and fierce," etc. in several of the sayings. We say all that to observe that we suspect the football coach at the University of Alabama expects to defeat the University of Florida Gators this week but he will follow one of those proverbs which reads, "Don't make the alligator mad until after you have crossed to the other side of the river." In other words, he ain't gonna say anything this week to get the bunch from Gainesville upset and motivated to avenge their honor.

We have taking some good natured ribbing recently because we published a couple of issues of the paper without a story about any controversy at city hall. Those who expressed those disappointments can read in comfort this week because that was apparently just the calm before the storm. We have some more "city hall talk" for everybody this week.

It is kinda funny when we think about our phone call telling us where to "get that stuff we wanted." Either we are not experts at taking coded messages or our caller messed up the delivery. We went around in circles looking for a back porch at the old school - we didn't even know for sure which school. Finally on the way back to the office, we decided to look on the front porch of the old high school. Before we got out of our vehicle, we saw that brand new manila envelope lying there at the top of the steps and it was our "prize." We will probably never know our benefactor, as we had talked with several people and had written notes to two officials, but we are thankful for the information. Without it we wouldn't have been able to write our story on the "secret settlement." We had rumors, but nothing we could write about.

The Elba Tigers performed an "almost" miracle last Friday night. When many fans thought they were beaten, the tough Tigers pulled out a score and then buckled down to insure it was a winning score. We again salute them for their dedication. We will look for you there Friday night at the last scheduled Elba High football game to ever be played in Miller Memorial Stadium. If Elba does win again Friday night, the team will travel for the championship game. Next year the games will be in the stadium being built in the new school park.

Governor Guy Hunt can stop the debate over the Confederate battle flag. He can decline to rely it over the Capitol simply because it ain't historically correct. It doesn't bother us either way, but it does upset many Alabama citizens. Out of respect for those offended, we suggest he put the thing in storage and get on with business. That way we can all be happy.



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## ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, November 24, 1992, investigated the following incidents: three burglaries, two harassing communications, one attempted assault, four thefts, two criminal mischiefs, two death investigations, one hit and run, four harassments, one destruction of private property, two breaking and entering of vehicles, one attempt to entice a child into a vehicle, one robbery, and one attempted burglary.

The following arrests were made: one for harassment, one for burglary, one for criminal trespassing, one for criminal mischief, one for reckless endangerment, and one for robbery.

Traffic citations for the following violations were issued: one for expired tag and one for no driver's license.

Daily activity for the week was as follows:

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24** - Wreck on U.S. Highway 84W (7:33 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Taylor Mill Rd. (2:54 p.m.); Fire on Guyton St. (6:43 p.m.); Prowler at Mullins Apt. (9:51 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25** - Shots reported fired in Riverview (12:49 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (4:18 a.m.); Burglary at Bill's Dollar Store (7:54 a.m.); Wreck on AL Hwy. 87N (1:53 p.m.); Rescue run to Elba Villas (3:24 p.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to Humana Hospital in Enterprise (10:02 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26** - Prowler at Kendrick Apts. (11:57 p.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27** - Rescue run to Little Beaver Trailer Court (4:30 a.m.); Rescue run to Elba Villas (5:25 a.m.); Rescue run to Elba Work Release (9:36 p.m.); Rescue run to residence on Old River Rd. (10:33 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28** - Wreck at Elba Dairy Queen (11:58 a.m.); Routine activity.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29** - Disturbance on Cedar Lane Dr. (9:20 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Adkinson St. (10:53 a.m.); Rescue run to Westside Baptist Church (11:37 a.m.); Alarm at residence on Taylor Mill Rd. (1:46 p.m.).

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30** - Attempted burglary on Forest Lake Dr. (9:54 a.m.); Rescue run to Kennedy Estates (11:53 a.m.); Routine activity.

## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of November 23, 1992 through November 29, 1992:

They were: Johnnie Mauldin, Alton Johnson, Johnnie Gay, Agnes Mack, Willie Slawson, Myrtle Hudson, Melvin Arnold, Holly Morgan, Donna Jones, Charles Jordan, and Junior Jackson.

Those discharged during the same period of time were: Mattie Davis, Vince Lawford, Houston Bedsole, Willie Roberts, Sherry Soares, Johnnie Mauldin, Abraham Robinson, Button Bryant, Melvin Arnold, Myrtle Hudson, and Emma Nolin.

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LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Ranch House Restaurant

KWANAN CLUB - Each Thursday - Noon - Elba City School Board - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - 8th Office

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

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## OBITUARIES

### C. L. BANDY

C. L. Bandy, age 75 of Elba, Alabama, died Monday, November 30, 1992 in Hartford, Connecticut. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 5, 1992 from the Shady Grove AME Church, Elba, AL. Reverend C. A. Hammonds will officiate.

Survivors include his wife, Cora Bandy of Enterprise, AL; one sister, Fannie Mae Lewis of Lithuania, Georgia; three daughters, Sara Grant and Johnnie Bandy of Hartford, CT. and Dana Bandy of Bloomfield, CT; a very dear aunt, Exie Williams of New Brockton, AL.

### LOIS K. HUDSON

Lois K. Hudson, age 70 of Elba, Alabama, died Wednesday, November 25, 1992 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 27, 1992 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating the service was Dr. Frank Wells and Dr. Tony Dye.

Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Garden, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur Hudson of Elba, AL; two daughters, Vernette Maddox and Sue H. Parker, both of Elba, AL; two brothers, Milton Kendrick of Florida, AL and Jack Kendrick of Elba, AL; one sister, Gladys Hollinghead of Elba, AL; 9 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

### WILLIAM ROY WATKINS

William Roy Watkins, age 92 of Elba, Alabama, died Monday, November 30, 1992 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

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Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Virgie Watkins of Elba, AL; two daughters, Frances Vaughan of Elba, AL and Anne Miller of Enterprise, AL; one son, Harold Watkins of Troy, AL; three sisters, Annie Glenn Williams of Troy, AL, Cuni Bates and Zelma Parsons, both of Ozark, AL; one brother, James C. Watkins of Troy, AL; 9 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren.

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Survivors include two sons, John L. and Lonnie C. Wade of Elba, AL; one brother, Gary Lindsey of New Jersey; two sisters, Ethel Elward and Clifford Lindsey, both of New York; one brother-in-law, Olin Wade (Bernice) of Detroit, Michigan; two daughters-in-law, Frances L. and Lillie Mae Wade, both of Elba, AL; 9 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews.

### ELMA BROOKS DAUGHTRY

Elma Brooks Daughtry, age 92 of Brundidge, Alabama, died Wednesday, November 25, 1992 at her home, due to an extended illness.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 28, 1992 from the New Haven Assembly of God Church, Officiating Reverends were Jack Wilkes, Calvin Faircloth and Gary Morris.

Burial followed in the Haw Hill Cemetery, Jack, AL, with Jackson-Bryan Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include one daughter, Inez Griswold of Brundidge, AL; one sister, Bessie Pearl Chapman of Brundidge, AL; two brothers, Clinton Brooks of Montgomery, AL and Bill Brooks of Banks, AL; 5 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren.

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**EARN GED CERTIFICATE...**Two students in the Jobs Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Program at Enterprise State Junior College recently earned their GED certificates. Pictured from left are: Kathy Garrett, basic skills instructor; Nelda Coleman, JOBS supervisor; Dorothy Harrison, GED recipient of Enterprise; Teresa Hudson, GED recipient of Elba; Glenn Vaughn, Coffee County JOBS Case Manager; and Cyndie Riley, basic skills instructor.



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We, the family of James Fulton Spurlin, thank everyone for your visits, cards, flowers, food, and prayers during his illness and death.

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## WE GET LETTERS.....

Dear EHS Class of 1992:

Mrs. Cathy Weeks, your class treasurer, has just made a deposit to Elba High School's library fund. This \$150.00 will be used to buy books in memory of your deceased classmates: Len E. Jones, Noah Thomas Boutwell and Dr. Larry Brunson. Once books are purchased with this money, bookplates will be attached to let all present and future patrons know who bought these books and in memory of whom. Your continued interest in Elba High School and its programs is commendable. I hope you will have an opportunity to visit our fine, new facility.

The support of alumni and friends means much as we accomplish the day to day activities of having school. If I can ever be of assistance to any of you please let me know. Thank you once again for thinking of the library.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Calhoun, librarian  
Elba High School

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ter, new clothing, emergency home repairs, basic household items, cleanup supplies, and replacement medicines. Red Cross workers also provided bulk distribution of relief supplies, mental health services, and individual help with applying for federal disaster recovery assistance.

Our goals was to get people and families back on their feet as quickly as possible, but we couldn't have done it without your support. In addition to Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki in 1992, Red Cross chapters annual respond to an average of more than 55,000 large and small disasters. Last year, for example, the Coffee County Chapter responded to 16 house fires and one hazardous materials incident, providing assistance to victims.

The fact is, disasters of one sort or another will be with us forever. Fortunately, the Red Cross is in the business of disaster relief for the long haul.

This last campaign showed us we have a winning team of supporters ready, willing, and able to get the job done. We'd like to think we can count on your continued support so the next time disaster strikes, we'll be ready. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Kella M. Rader  
Coffee County Chapter Manager  
American Red Cross

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## Community Happenings

### The Nutcracker To Be Performed December 12th In Dothan

Southeast Alabama Dance Company will once again perform everyone's favorite Christmas ballet the Nutcracker. Two performances will be held at the Dothan Civic Center.

On October 31st Melvin Hall celebrated his birthday with an annual BBQ at his home in Victoria. Everyone had a great time with good food and fellow-shops. Guests included Sally and Al Reschke from Eau Claire, Michigan, Joe and Elaine Cardland from Birmingham, Greg, Pam, Amber, Andrew and Aaron Banach from Montgomery, Danny Banach from Montgomery, Ronny and Magalene Tidwell from Elba, Pat Kemp from Dothan, Tony and Doris Jane Kemp from Dothan, and several other friends from the surrounding area. Pictured above (left to right) are Melvin Hall, Mae Hall, Sally Reschke and Al Reschke.



Brine Nelson  
Celebrates 4th Birthday

Brine M. Nelson celebrated her 4th birthday on October 22, 1992. She had a Barbie party consisting of a Barbie cake, balloons, hats, and lots of snacks. Brine is the daughter of Wayne and Lisa Nelson and has a little brother named Jerome.

Helping her celebrate was Brune Smith, Berlin Dyess, Dan Heath, Kimberly, Michael, and Ben Hill, Paul Nelson, Stacey Black, Davy, Vickie, and Clayton Bryan, Danny Smith, Michael and Cynthia Lewis, Amanda and Kayla Fish, and Pat and Angie Daniels.

Coffee-Geneva County Chapter of Al State Employees Assn. To Hold Quarterly Meeting

The Coffee-Geneva County Chapter of the Alabama State Employees Association will hold their next quarterly meeting Tuesday, December 8, 1992, at the Western Sier Steak House on the Boll Weevil Circle in Enterprise beginning at 6:30 p.m. Chapter officers will be elected for 1993, come and have a voice in who is elected, it may be you.



HOME OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN ROBERT SMITH...This country style home is set on a hillside at 1632 North Claxton Avenue. John Robert and Linda completed their home in April of this year. They have two sons, Darren and Michael.

### Christmas Tour Of Homes To Be Held Sunday, December 13th

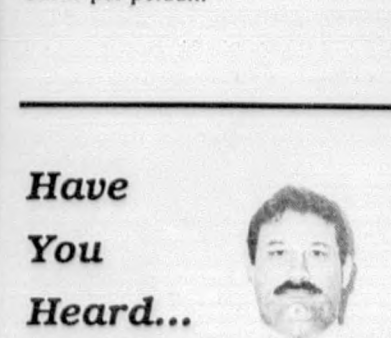
Three lovely Elba homes will be featured in the fourth annual Christmas Tour of Homes sponsored by the New Seasons Study Club. The homes of Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Smith will be open from 2:00 until 5:00 on Sunday, December 13. Tickets are \$4.00 and are available from any club member or at the door. Children under the age of 12 are free, but must be accompanied by an adult. Proceeds will help provide Christmas for area foster children. For more information, please call Betsy Martin at 897-6045.



Members of the newly organized Wiregrass Chapter, Alabama Society, Sons of the American Revolution, have elected officers to serve during their 1993-94. From the left, the officers-elect are: John A. Shiver, vice-president; Richard A. Kemp, president; and John F. Cheney, secretary-treasurer. All are Dothan residents. They will be installed December 19, 1992, during a meeting in Enterprise.

### Miss Ebony Beauty Pageant Planned For December 12th

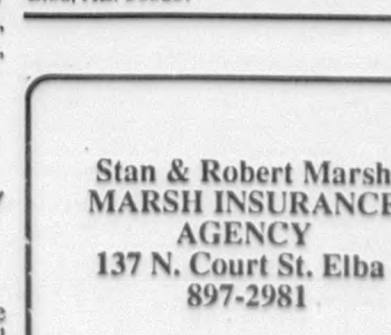
The Miss Ebony Beauty Pageant will be held December 12th, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. Admission will be \$2.00 per person.



Katti Skye Edwards

### Katti Skye Edwards Celebrates 2nd Birthday

Celebrating with her were her parents, Ronnie Joe and Lisa Edwards, her brother, Jonathan Edwards, her grandmother, Erma Simmons, great grandmothers, Lois Edgar and Trudy Jackson, her aunt, Kathy Isbell, and her uncle, Danny Edwards. Also attending were Holly Isbell, Megan Dubose, Erin Shaw, Ozzie and Brandy Crawford, Amanda Henderson, Matt Sewell, Jamie and Amanda Hattaway. Parents of the children were also present. Katti turned 2 years old on November 3 and received a lot of gifts.



Katti Skye Edwards

Jerame Nelson is One Year Old

Jerame W. Nelson celebrated his first birthday on November 14, 1992. He is the son of Wayne and Lisa Nelson and has a big sister named Brine. Jerame celebrated his birthday with a teddy bear cake, balloons, streamers, and lots of goodies to eat. Helping Jerame have fun at the party was Kimberly and Ben Hill, Danny Smith, Paul Nelson, Stacey Black, Michael, Paula and Shelby Adcock, Lori and Danner Miller, Davy, Vickie, and Clayton Bryan, and Patti and Angie Daniels.

Coffee County Training Center Holiday Sale To Be Held

On December the 4th and 5th the Coffee County Training Center will be hosting a Crafts Sale at the Center. On sale those two days will be wreaths, Christmas ornaments and clocks all crafted by the clients at the Center. The sale will start at 9 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m. Everyone is invited to the Center which is located at the Enterprise Airport off of College Street Extension in Enterprise, Alabama.

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### PASTOR'S CORNER

By Martin Gray  
Music & Youth Director  
Elba First Baptist Church

Even as I write this article rain pours from the skies. I suppose for most of us every large rain storm is a solemn, steady reminder of darker days some thirty plus months ago. As the rain falls we sit and stare...and stare...and remember. What an awesome memory and the more it rains the clearer it all becomes! The evening news with stories of the weekend tragedies in and around our state are a further reminder of past events in the life of our community.

Dark days, heavy rains and their aftermath may not be suitable topics for Thanksgiving. However, there is a brighter point to be made. We are endowed with a God-

### Card of Thanks

The family of Berlin Dyess would like to express our deepest thanks to all the friends and relatives who visited, called and sent food and flowers. We greatly appreciate the prayers and special thoughts that helped us through our time of sorrow. A special thank you goes out to Bill and Mildred Morrow for all their help and support.

12-3-1p

### Card of Thanks

The family of Wilbur Dorough would like to thank everyone for their visits, prayers, food and flowers during their sickness and death. May God bless each and every one of you.

12-3-1p

### Acknowledgements

The family of the late Mrs. Freda D. Hooks would like to thank their many friends for all expressions of kindness shown during their bereavement.

SCOTTIE D. HOOKS  
ROBERT (BOBO) HOOKS, JR.  
TONY HOOKS

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### Card of Thanks

The family of Georgia M. Hoskins wish to thank all of their friends and neighbors for the kindness shown to us in our time of sorrow. We wish to thank Dr. Gary Allen and all the nurses and aids at Home Care of Elba.

THE FAMILY OF  
GEORGIA M. HOSKINS

12-3-1p

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Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; And walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma. But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints; And there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks. For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partners with them; For you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light.

Ephesians 5:1-8

Thinking of you, praying for you, The Wade and Lindsey families, Mrs. Hannah Coleman, Mrs. Julia Phillips, Mrs. Annie M. Daniels, and Mrs. Catherine Johnson.

Rev. D'Andrea Daniels, Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Cynthia Sellers, Latta, and Keturah all of Macon, GA; and Jovan Smedley, Elba, were guests of their mother and grandmothers, Mrs. Onie Bell Daniels, Elba, and Thanksgiving Day and the holiday week-end.

Gregory Kelley of Charlottesville, Virginia (formerly of Elba) and Karina Kyrd of Sheffield, AL, were week-end guests of Greg's mother, Ernestine Kelley, Elba, and family and other friends and relatives.

The Annual Christmas Program of the Church of God in Christ, Elba, Alabama, Elder J. C. Rodgers, pastor, will be held December 13, 1992 at 6:00 p.m.

MUSIC will be rendered by the Rocky Head MB Church YA Ensemble. The devotion will be given by Sis. Lurleen Turner, Sis. Bridgett Rodgers, Bro. Quintrell Carr and Bro. Carlos Lawrence. The welcome will be given by Sis. Lawanda Rodgers and Sis. Jannita Marshall with give the occasion.

We Give You Thanks, Lord I humbly give heartily thanks to thee for all the favors Thou has bestowed on me; for creating me; after Thine own image, for daily preserving me by Thy good providence; I also thank Thee for Thy temporal blessings; for the preservation of me; for my health, strength, food, raiment, and all other comforts and necessities of life. Amen.

John Wesley

Beautiful Baby  
Lydia Marie Kelley is the daughter of Maria A. Kelley, Elba. She was born July 10, 1992 at Humana Hospital in Enterprise.

She is the granddaughter of Glen and Ernestine Kelley and great granddaughter of Numa Kelley and all other comforters and necessities of life. Amen.

Lydia's brothers, Brandon and Brandy and sister Tiffany adore her.

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Hill Sunday School 10:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday 12:00 noon</p> <p><b>DANACUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Farns Glades</b> 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 7:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>EAMON BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Bernard Strickland Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p><b>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Donnie Marler Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST</b> Bill Beck, Minister Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD</b> Nelson Kimberly Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY</b> J. E. Wesley Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE</b> Doriel &amp; Geri Riley Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Kenneth Finch Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m. Youth Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Randall Patton Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS</b> Joe B. Grimes-Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>GRATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Willie L. Peterson Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC</b> Pastor W. T. Harris, Pastor W. R. Ellison Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Aids 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 10:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Shirley Ella Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Wesley B. Ard Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD</b> Rev. Sammie Strickland Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>KINSTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Lester Lambeth-Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Billy P. McCullough-Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>MT. ZION HOLINESS</b> Jimmy Bryan-Minister Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Wayne Webster Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Tommy Brill Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD</b> Lorelei Flowers Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW UNDAUNTED LIFE BEL</b> Herron, Linda Williams Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEWBRIA BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Doug Barnes Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST</b> Ben McKee Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST</b> Richard L. Farris Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. 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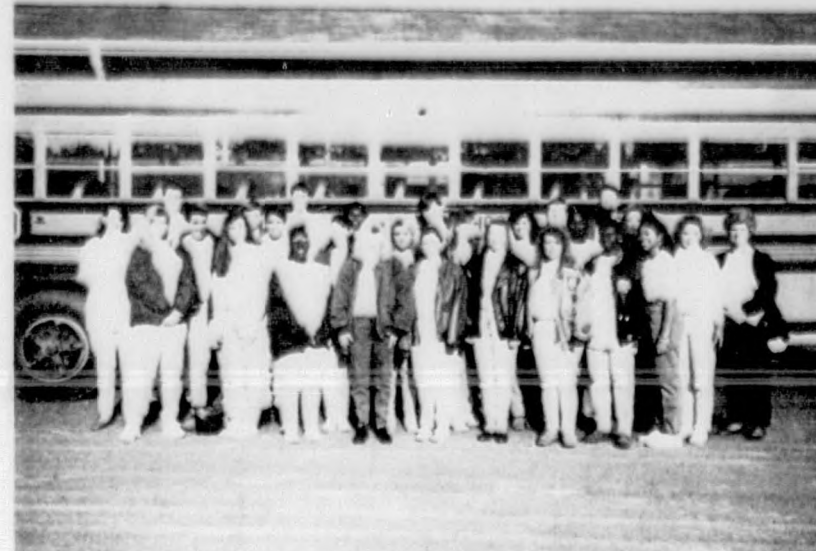
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Class Attends Commission Meeting

by Maria Williams  
On November 9, 1992, Mrs. Sylvia Padgett's 11th grade Advanced English class got a first hand look at local government in action. When the class was given the assignment of writing a research paper on a regional landfill in Coffee County, they realized the possible environmental hazards involved. After some discussion, the students decided to attend a meeting of the Coffee County Commission with class president Cory Driggers acting as a representative of the group. After witnessing the swearing in on the commission and listening to discussion of other matters, Driggers addressed the commissioners and offered alternatives to the regional landfill. The commissioners felt that the matter should be looked further into and that they should meet with landfill authorities and officials from the cities in Coffee County in order to be better informed about the issue.

## ELBA HIGH SCHOOL

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## From The Editors' Desk...

Well, it finally arrived. The "TIGER TIMES," Elba High School's first official newspaper publication in many years, went on sale last Wednesday. It consisted of several humorous articles, such as blonde jokes, miscellaneous articles, such as EHS November birthday list and an advice column; and an advertisement for the "Tiger Times."

Few could imagine the countless hours that have gone into this publication. Kevin and I, editors for the month

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Thursday - Manager's Choice.  
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## Miss Elbala Pageant

by Amy Baker  
A meeting was held Wednesday, November 18, for all girls in grades 10-12 who are interested in participating in the 1993 Miss Elbala Pageant. The forty-five girls who attended the meeting were informed about the requirements for the pageant by Tiffany Few and Heather Stinson, this year's directors. One of the requirements is a \$10 entry fee which must be paid by December 4. Practice for the pageant will be January 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium. The pageant will be on January 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.

## Big Pep Rally

by Kevin Dewberry  
"They said number one...we said one, number one..." That, without doubt, was the theme of the Elba-St. Paul pep rally on Nov. 20. The cheerleaders cheered. The band played. The crowd yelled. Each student seemed to put forth extra effort which intensified the pep rally. Little to say, the class-teacher competition added much enthusiasm.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. Stokes, Mrs. Cook, Coach Lowery, and Mrs. Amison for winning the competition for the twelfth and seventh grades respectively.

With strong spirit and boisterous attitudes, it would have been almost impossible for the mighty "tigers" not to have felt supported. However, fans don't slack off now. Each person needs to keep supporting the Tigers as they reach for another state championship.

## Bo Boyd Elected To Head Jr. Cattleman

by Emily Strong  
During August of this past summer, Bo Boyd, a sophomore at Elba High, was elected president of the Alabama Junior Cattleman's Association. He was elected from among the 750 members who attended the annual meeting in Montgomery. Bo will preside over his first state meeting in March 1993.

Bo has always been active in 4-H, school and church. While the Alabama Cattleman is not a school sponsored activity, Bo's achievement is one that brings recognition to EHS.

## \*\*\* SENIOR SPOTLIGHT \*\*\*

by Joe Jacobs  
Bryce Phillips - Bryce is the son of Frank and Helen Phillips. He plays offensive guard and noseguard for the varsity Tigers. He is a member of FBLA, FFA, FCA, and Mu Alpha Theta, and SADD. Bryce is also a member of Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church. After high school, he plans to become a businessman.

Julius Peterson - Julius is the son of the Reverend Willie and Mrs. Ollie Peterson. He plays defensive tackle for the varsity Tigers. Julius is a member of FFA and FCA. He is also a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church. His future plans are to attend college and later to play professional football. He also hopes to own his own business someday.

Jamie Brockton - Jamie is the son of Jeanette Cook. He plays fullback and line-backer for the varsity Tigers. Jamie is president of SADD and a member of FFA, VICA, and FCA. He is also a member of the Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church. After high school, Jamie plans to become an electrical technician.



## Speech Class Recognizes AEW

by Lance McColough and Laura Hall  
November 15 through 21 was American Education Week. During this time the speech class at Elba High School created announcements which were broadcast on WZZT and over the intercom at EHS. On Friday morning, the speech class served sausage biscuits to the staff. The members of the class are: Soon Barnes, Felisha Cole, Christopher Craig, Cory Driggers, Alice Hammonds, Michelle Jones, Tamara Rowe, Mandy Shirley, and Jamelle Siler. They used many different phrases in their announcements: "Public education is everybody's business. It's a cornerstone for our community." "Success in education like success on the football field, in the band, or in your home, depends, to a great extent on your attitude." "An education will improve your self confidence as well as your self esteem."

## Stinson Attends FBLA Conference

by Heather Stinson  
On November 20-22, the Future Business Leaders of America held their annual National Southern Regional Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The conference was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel located in downtown New Orleans. Attending from Elba High School were Mrs. Ingrid Clark and Heather Stinson. The conference began with an opening general session held on Friday evening. Mr. Phil, a renowned motivational speaker, gave a very inspirational speech describing the need for continued success in FBLA. After the assembly, a dance was held for the thousands of students and advisors who attended the conference.

On Saturday, workshops were held which enabled the participants to learn

how to become better business leaders. Some of the workshops included "Team Building," "How to Manage the Market," and "Self-confidence Enhancers." The workshops were held throughout the conference rooms of the hotel. Following the workshops, another general session was held. Another dance was held on Saturday night to close the activities of the conference. This dance was also held to celebrate FBLA's fifty-year anniversary in public schools. During the stay in New Orleans, students and advisors had the unique experience of touring the French Quarter and its famous Bourbon Street. The conference was fun as well as educational.

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## PALS Program Is Success In Elba Schools

High school and elementary YMCA Director, Ms. Angela Williams, Program Director, and Dr. Apple Kridakorn, Montgomery Curriculum Supervisor met with Mr. Charles Pearce, Elba Superintendent, Mrs. Ann Dyess, Home Economics teacher, and Harriette Boyd, Elementary School Counselor, to discuss the new program. Activities in which the students participated demonstrated many leadership skills. The students returned motivated and ready to begin the new program several weeks before school actually started.

Twelve high school students attended a Leadership Retreat at Camp Chandler, a YMCA camp, on August 29 and 30, 1992. Through this experience, students were oriented to the new program. Activities in which the students participated demonstrated many leadership skills. The students returned motivated and ready to begin the new program several weeks before school actually started.

The high school students had about a ten week training period before beginning the most exciting aspect of the program - actually working with their "little buddies." High school students have been paired with an elementary school student. They work together on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week. Both groups are benefitting greatly from the program. Eleven "big buddies" and eleven "little buddies" attended a "Big Buddies Reunion" at Camp Chandler on November 14, 1992.

Michael Gilmore  
Gilmore Completes Basic

Airman Michael Gilmore graduated from basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas on October 21, 1992. He is now stationed at Lowery AFB, Colorado where he is studying in the field of Electronics. Michael is a 1991 graduate of Elba High School. He is the son of Larry and Sheri Gilmore of Elba.

Dr. Mitchell Purvis  
Attends Seminar  
In Birmingham

Birmingham, Alabama, November 9, 1992...Dr. Mitchell V. Purvis was one of over one hundred doctors of optometry to attend the annual Fall Education Seminar on November 6-8, 1992. The event, sponsored by the Alabama Optometric Association, was held at the Sheraton Civic Center Hotel and the Medical Forum in Birmingham, Alabama. The purpose was to provide continuing education for doctors of optometry in the latest procedures and clinical developments in the practice of optometry.

Among the topics for this year's seminar were Vitamins and Vision; Advances in Retina and Vitreous Surgery; Cataract Surgery and Refractive Surgery; Oral Anti-infectives in Primary Eye Care; Medical Management of Glaucoma and a Phalaris; Ocular Emergency Procedures; Laser Management of Glaucoma; and Infection Control in the Optometric Practice.

In addition to a full schedule of education courses, the doctors attended an exhibition of ophthalmic supplies. One of the highlights of the week-end included a keynote address by Dr. Lawrence DeLucas at a luncheon sponsored by the UAB School of Optometry Alumni Association. Dr. DeLucas recently returned from an extended NASA mission aboard the space shuttle, Columbia. He was the first eye doctor (optometrist) to fly in space where he conducted scientific experiments with crystals.

Today's doctors of optometry are independent primary health care providers who specialize in the examination, diagnosis, treatment and management of diseases and disorders of the visual system, the eye and associated structures as well as the diagnosis of related systemic conditions.

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## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

If it's true that you are what you watch, Melanie may already be in trouble at the age of three. Last week we went shopping and on the way home she said she wished she had a TV in the car. When I asked her why she wanted a TV, her reply was so simple: "Country music, football and cartoons." Maybe it's good that we finally got the Disney Channel on cable!

## ELBA TIGERS PULL OUT ANOTHER MIRACLE WIN

The Elba Tigers weren't supposed to win in the second round of the playoffs down in Mobile, Friday night after both teams had one possession it looked like there was no way the Tigers could win against powerful Southern Choctaw. The Tigers lost six yards on their first possession, while Southern Choctaw drove in for a touchdown with the aid of two controversial calls by the referees that nullified what looked like two turnovers. It appeared that Southern Choctaw had too many athletes for the Tigers to defeat, and it also appeared that for the second week in a row the Tigers wouldn't get any breaks from the refs.

The Tigers never did get any breaks from the refs, but did get a big break late in the game when a snap on a punt sailed over the punter's head, and the Tigers cashed in on the break to score a touchdown and post the hard earned 7-6 win.

The Elba offense was again limited Friday night due to a number of injuries, and when you add in the Southern Choctaw defense, it wasn't a surprise that the Tigers had problems moving the football. However, the biggest problem the Tigers had wasn't because of the injuries, or even the Choctaw defense, it was the Tigers' inability to hold on to the football that kept the Tigers from moving the ball and possibly putting points on the scoreboard. Elba's longest drive was a 36-yard effort that killed the clock late in the game and insured the win, while the touchdown drive covered only six yards and took four plays. The Tigers did show signs of moving the football, but lost fumbles on a third and five at the Elba 43; a first and ten at the Elba 42; a first and ten at the Choctaw 37 and a first and ten at the Choctaw 47. Elba had good field position on all occasions and twice had moved to first downs before turning the ball over. The turnovers killed the Tigers' offensive effectiveness, but the offense did push in the touchdown after the big Choctaw turnover and then moved to two first downs with the game on the line in the closing minutes. The cause of fumbles had the Tigers in critical condition; however, the Tigers survived, barely, and this week will get a chance to overcome the dreaded disease.

What can you say about the defense that everyone who was at the game hasn't already said? The Elba defense may have played one of its best games ever Friday night against Southern Choctaw, and the effort will be one long remembered by all Tiger fans. The defense was outwitted all across the front, but outbit the Choctaw offense and either prevented any gain or knocked the Indians for a loss on 18 of Southern Choctaw's 48 plays from scrimmage. Bryce Phillips and Aaron Smith combined for almost half of the negative yardage plays, but everyone on defense made big plays and shared in the effort. Bo Boyd may have played his best game of the season at tackle. Teddy Burks had some big hits from his safety spot. Jamie Brockton had some big plays at linebacker, and the secondary made many big plays to keep the Indians from breaking big plays of their own. It was simply an outstanding defensive effort and one that I'll never forget.

Southern Choctaw had a great football team loaded with athletes and played well enough to win the football game. It just happened that the Indians made one big mistake and that Elba came to play and showed why the Tigers are one of the state's winningest high school teams. The Elba win showed the pride that the Tigers have had for years, and years, and showed what makes Elba Tiger football so special to its players and fans!

## STATE PLAYOFFS PROVIDE SURPRISES IN WEEK #3

The state football playoffs wrapped up week #3 last week, and as in the opening two rounds, provided surprises for fans across the state. Here's a quick look at what happened in third round action...

**CLASS 6A** - Enterprise gave Vigor all it wanted before falling 14-6. The Wildcats were never really considered a favorite to win the 6A title, but may have been better than many thought. Montgomery Lee struggled again before edging Anniston 17-15, and it looks like the Generals aren't the team many thought earlier in the season.

**CLASS 5A** - Etowah moved into the semifinals with its second win over Gadsden this season, this time by the score of 28-18. Blount won, as expected, over Williamson, 27-6, and will now battle Valley, which at 7-5 is the real sleeper in the 5A ranks.

**CLASS 4A** - Daleville continued to roll along with an easy 28-7 win over fumbling Pike County, while Fayette County lost to Munford 35-28 and ended the career of quarterback Lance Tucker. Tucker was the starting quarterback since the seventh grade and closed out his career with 8,173 yards passing and 63 touchdowns.

**CLASS 3A** - While Elba and Southern Choctaw were playing defense like it was supposed to be played, the folks up in Ashville were watching the opposite as Ashville and West Blocton combined for 823 yards in total offense in Ashville's 40-38 win. Central, of Florence, pulled the shocker as it upset Colbert County 6-2.

**CLASS 2A** - Geneva County saw its season come to a disappointing end with a 25-7 loss to Leroy. The Bulldogs woke up all the football fans in Hartford with its sensational run toward the title, and have put down the foundation for wins to come. Unbeaten Randolph County was stunned by Clay County 17-14, in overtime.

**CLASS 1A** - Coffeeville averaged its only loss of the season by knocking off previously unbeaten Frisco City 27-26, in overtime. Coffeeville didn't really impress the Brantley fans in round two, but opened some eyes with the win Friday night. Courtland also remained in the hunt with a 20-0 win over Cedar Bluff.

## IT'S BASKETBALL TIME FOR OTHER AREA TEAMS

The state football playoffs may still have two weeks left, but for many other folks across the area it's roundball time. Here's a look at what may be coming on the hardwood...

**NEW BROCKTON** is supposed to be loaded! The Gamecocks return their top three scorers from a year ago and have some quality players ready to step in from an outstanding junior high squad. If the Gamecocks can play like they are capable, it could be another banner year in Brockton.

**ZION CHAPEL** has already been clobbered by New Brockton and Kingston and appears to be headed for another losing season. The Rebels have a new coach and had hoped to show off a new winning attitude, but it looks like just another long season for the Rebels.

**KINSTON** doesn't appear to be loaded, but the Bulldogs do have enough athletes to win some games and it looks like the Dogs may be a team to watch. Kinston has some good three-point shooters and will be dangerous, especially at home.

**BRANTLEY** is already being called one of the state's top 1A teams, even though the Bulldogs have just hung up their pads and cleats. The Bulldogs do have some of the top players in the area and have both height and shooters, making the Dogs a real team to keep an eye on.

## POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR STRUGGLING IN PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator wasn't exactly smiling when he came in the office this week to drop off his picks for round four of the state playoffs. After hitting on 19 of 24 last week he was expected to be down, but with yearly totals like 348 and 69, he won't be down for long. Here goes...

## ELBA VS. ASHVILLE

The Tigers struggled to only 91 yards in total offense last week, while Ashville rolled up over 420 yards and 40 points. With numbers like those, this week's semifinal matchup looks like a blowout. Wrong! The Tigers will be at home and appear to be on a mission!

## ELBA 21 ASHVILLE 14

## OTHER PICKS:

Lee 17 Vigor 7  
Central, Tuscaloosa 14 Hewitt-Trussville 10  
Blount 28 Valley 3  
Russellville 21 Etowah 20  
Daleville 15 Handley 9  
Munford 27 Hokes Bluff 21  
Billingsley 45 Coffeeville 15  
Courtland 15 Parrish 14  
Lamar County 17 Central, Florence 10  
Reelwood 14 Leroy 13  
Hazelwood 20 Clay County 7

## Sports

## Elba hosts Ashville in semifinal matchup

There will be no rest for the Elba Tigers as they continue their quest for the state 3A football championship against the powerful Ashville Bulldogs, in semifinal action Friday night at Elba's Miller Memorial Stadium.

Elba will bring an 11-1 record into the matchup and will be coming off a rugged third round battle against Southern Choctaw in which the Tigers escaped with a 7-6 win, while Ashville will carry a 12-1 record into the clash, and will be coming off a wild 40-38 win over previously undefeated West Blocton.

Ashville opened the season with wins over Ragland 44-22, Okatchee 14-0, St. Clair County 26-21, Onotona 24-6, Pleasant Valley 33-7 and East Lawrence 21-6, before falling in the ninth week of the season to Area foe Litchfield 27-24. The Bulldogs closed out the regular season with a 36-16 win over Springville, then rolled to wins in the playoffs over Futuland 22-13, Lineville 27-8 and West Blocton 40-38.

Following are results of last week's third round action, and this week's semifinal matchups:

## THIRD ROUND RESULTS

**Class 6A**  
Vigor 14 Enterprise 7  
Lee 17 Anniston 15  
Florence Central 10 Jax, Lanier 7  
Hewitt-Trussville 17 Decatur 7

**Class 5A**  
Blount 27 Williamson 6  
Valley 29 Smiths Station 15  
Etowah 28 Gadsden 18  
Russellville 28 Athens 0

**Class 4A**  
Daleville 28 Pike County 7  
Handley 39 Dadeville 0  
Munford 35 Fayette County 28  
Hokes Bluff 14 Sheffield 7

**Class 3A**  
Elba 7 Son, Choctaw 6  
Ashville 40 West Blocton 38  
Lamar Co. 13 Aliceville 0  
Central Florence 6 Colbert County 2

**Class 2A**  
Leroy 25 Geneva County 7  
Reelwood 14 Trinity 7  
Clay Co. 17 Randolph Co. 14  
Hazelwood 13 Lexington 6

**Class 1A**  
Coffeeville 27 Frisco City 26  
Billingsley 23 Marbury 6  
Parrish 12 Brillian 0  
Courtland 20 Cedar Bluff 6

**SEMI-FINAL PAIRINGS:**  
(Friday, Dec. 4)  
**Class 6A**  
Lee (11-1) at Vigor (10-2)  
Hewitt-Trussville (11-2) at Central Tuscaloosa (9-2-1)

**Class 5A**  
Valley (7-5) at Blount (11-1)  
Russellville (12-0) at Etowah (11-1)

**Class 4A**  
Handley (11-2) at Daleville (13-0)  
Hokes Bluff (11-1) at Munford (12-1)

**Class 3A**  
Ashville (12-1) at Elba (11-1)  
Lamar Co. (12-0) at Central Florence (5)

**Class 2A**  
Reelwood (11-2) at Leroy (10-3)  
Hazelwood (12-1) at Clay Co. (10-3)

**Class 1A**  
Coffeeville (12-1) at Billingsley (13-0)  
Courtland (8-1) at Parrish (1-2)

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**WOOD SAYS WINS ARE FOR PLAYERS**

Elba's Coach Mack Wood reached a coaching milestone Friday night when the Elba Tigers handed him his 200th coaching victory with a 7-6 playoff win over Southern Choctaw.

Coach Wood, in his 16th year at the Elba helm and his 25th year in coaching, came to Elba in 1977 to rebuild the Tiger football program, and has done just that as he has guided the Tigers to a 136-49 record during his tenure, including a state championship in 1989.

For a coach to get 200 wins means that he has coached a long time and that he has been lucky enough to coach some quality young men," stated Wood. "Winning 200 games is special, but it is more of an accomplishment for the players than the coach. I had 64 games before I came to Elba, which is a long way from 200, and so, it is clear that the players I've coached here in Elba have been excellent football players and super young men."

I never mentioned to the players that a win last week would be my 200th," said Coach Wood, "because I wanted them to win the football game for themselves, and not for me. A coach is only as good as the players he coaches and I have been lucky everywhere I've been to coach some quality players."

**YOUTH TEAMS NAMED**

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation held its player draft last week for the Youth Basketball League.

The league will begin its season on Jan. 9, 1993, and all games will be played at Elba High School.

Following are complete team rosters:

**12 AND UNDER LEAGUE**

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Coach James Simmons

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**HEAT**

Coach Larry Gilbert

Corey Adkinson, O'Shay Hammonds, Tim Ware, Robert Aponte, Adam Brooks, Eric Jordan, Aldo Parks and Recreation staff members.

**SIXERS**

Coach Tom Thompson

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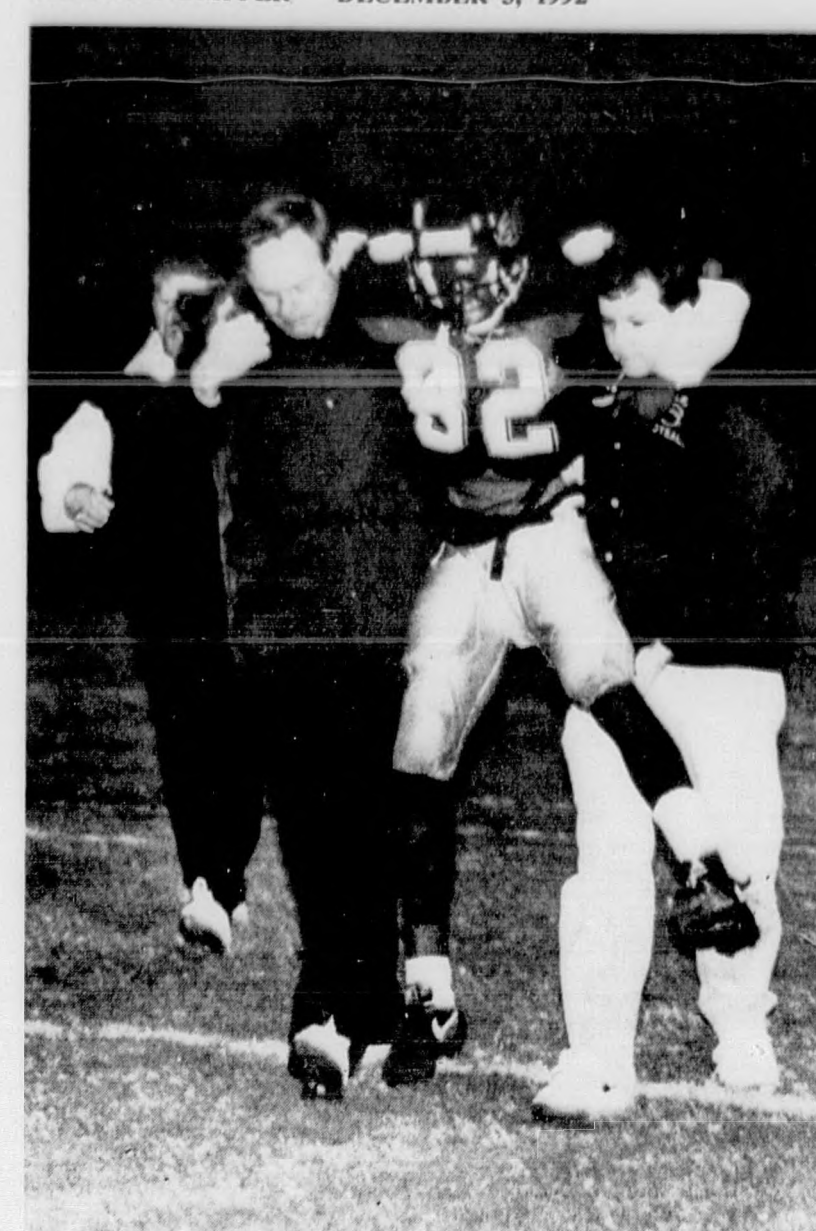
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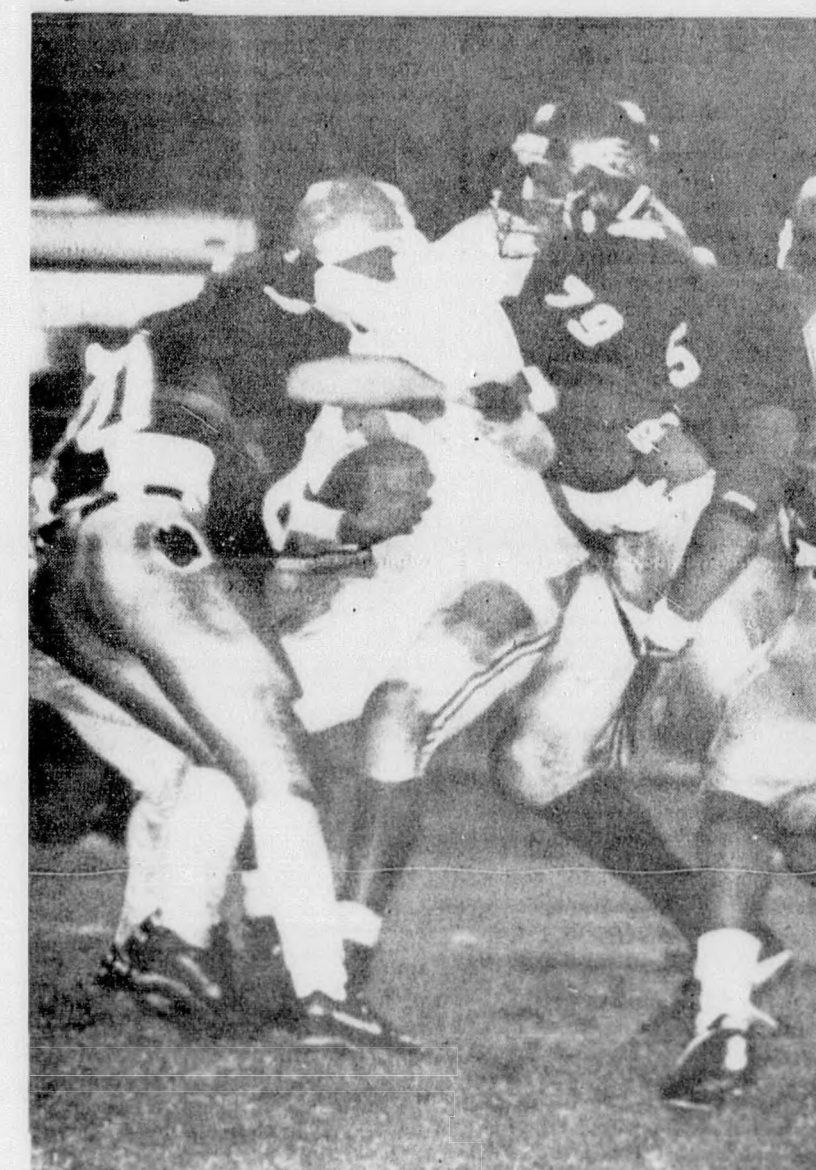
**BULLS**

Coach Terry Burks

Kevin Byrd, Derrick Coleman,



Elba's Josh Caldwell (82) was carried off the field after being hit late following his game winning extra-point. Coaches Neil Henderson and Boyd English helped Caldwell off the field after the junior booted the extra-point to give the Tigers the 7-6 win.



Teddy Burks (33) crossed the goal line on this play behind a key block thrown by Julius Peterson (79). The score came on fourth down and enabled the Tigers to survive the third round contest with Southern Choctaw.



Aaron Smith (85) makes a big sack of the Southern Choctaw quarterback during Friday night's playoff win. Smith had a big night for the Tiger defense and made four tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

Neither rain, nor cold could keep this Tiger fan from Friday night's playoff game.

## Tigers scalp Southern Choctaw 7-6

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers continued their march through the 3A football playoffs Friday night with a hard-fought 7-6 win over the Southern Choctaw Indians, in Elba.

The win improved the Tigers' record to 11-1 and moved Elba into the semifinals of the Class 3A playoffs, while Southern Choctaw ended its season with a 10-2 record.

Elba lost six yards on its initial possession of the game, but Southern Choctaw had much more success on its first offensive series and with the aid of two controversial calls drove 53 yards in 10 plays to grab an early 6-0 lead.

The Indians marched to a first down at the Elba 23-yardline behind

the running of Burnis Hill; however, the Tiger defense stiffened and appeared to stop the drive when it recovered an Indian fumble after a big hit by linebacker Jamie Brockton.

The fumble wasn't allowed by the officials, who stated the play had been whittled dead, and the Indians were still alive with a third down and 10 at the 23.

Elba's Perry Stinson made a diving interception of a Southern Choctaw pass on the third down play; however, this time the apparent turnover was nullified by a pass interference penalty called across the field from the pass.

Southern Choctaw now had the ball first and 10 at the Elba 11-yardline, and two plays later got on

the scoreboard when Labarron Pearson raced in from four yards out. The extra-point try sailed wide to the right, leaving the Indians with a 6-0 lead with 4:26 left in the opening stanza.

Elba lost a fumble on its next possession to set the Indians back up at the yardline, but the Tiger defense again rose to the challenge and Teddy Burks and Aaron Smith stopped the Indians back for losses on consecutive plays, leaving Southern Choctaw facing a fourth and 12 at the Elba 45.

The Indians went for the first down, but the pass was knocked down by a pair of Elba defenders, and the Tigers regained possession at its 45-yardline with 3:50 left on the clock.

Elba's offense had only moved four first downs during the entire game and had not gained over 20 yards in any possession; however, with the game on the line the offense came to life, and behind the running of Jamie Brockton and Teddy Burks, moved 26 yards in six running plays and ran out the clock to preserve the 7-6 win.

Jamie Brockton gained 63 yards on 11 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Teddy Burks added 31 yards on 12 carries. Silas Pascaley gained 52 yards on 15 carries for Southern Choctaw and Burnis Hill added 37 yards on 9 carries.

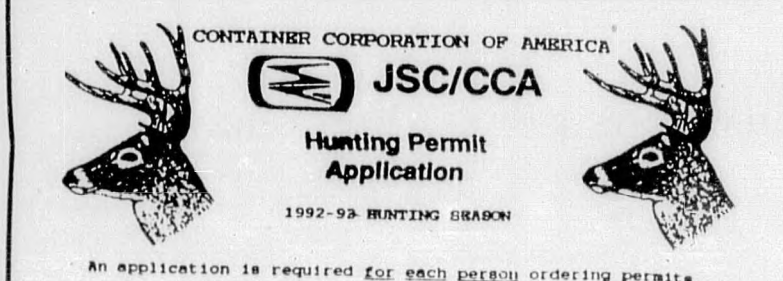
Bryce Phillips made 8 tackles, including 4 behind the line of scrimmage, while Aaron Smith made 7 tackles and 1 assist, with 4 stops behind the line for 16 yards in losses. Other defensive standouts included Teddy Burks (7 tackles and 1 assist), Philip Compton (7 tackles and 1 assist) and Jamie Brockton (5 tackles).

The outcome of the game was riding on the fourth down play, and the Tigers went with their best short yardage play as Burks took the hand-off behind two lead blockers and his offensive line and bulldozed in for the touchdown. Josh Caldwell booted the extra-point with 8:56 left in the game Elba was on top 7-6.

Elba got the ball right back on an

## STATISTICS

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1st Downs	9	9
2nd Downs	6	7
3rd Downs	9	9
4th Downs	0	0
Total Offense	76	76
Passes	3-4-0	5-10-0
Fumbles/Lost	0-0-0	1-1-0
Punts-Ave.	6-36	6-36
Penalty Yds.	80	80



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by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

During the Farm-City Week Banquet on Thursday, November 19, several individuals were recognized for their outstanding achievements. Pictured above are a few of the award winners. They are as follows:

**TOP ROW (l-r):** Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lamar Senn of the Jack Community. They were recognized by Southland as their Top Broiler Producer for 1992. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Walls and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Walls were presented with the Farm of Distinction Award. Their farm is located west of Enterprise on U. S. Highway 84. Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Henderson were named Co-nag's Top Broiler Producer for 1992.

**SECOND ROW (l-r):** Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hines are Coffee County's Outstanding Peanut Producer for 1992. Their 431 acres produced an average yield of 3137 pounds per acre. The farm is located in Clintonville. Gibbs McCormick, Sr. was named the 1992 Coffee County Farm-City Week Businessman of the Year. McCormick owns and operates Propane Gas & Appliance Company with headquarters in New Brockton. Kenneth Grantham (left) was recognized by Coffee County Extension Agent Dan Presley for his outstanding leadership as chairman of this year's Farm-City Week Committee.

**BOTTOM ROW:** Jim Conners, well-known humorist and entertainer, provided the entertainment for banquet. Conners combined good old fashion banjo playing & guitar picking with singing and story telling for a well-rounded evening of entertainment for all who attended the event.

The Farm-City Week Committee was well pleased with the banquet and many other events which took place during the week of celebration.

Plans have already begun for next year's Farm-City Week celebration. It should be even bigger and better than this year's event - if that's possible!

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## Town of New Brockton's annual audit not necessarily good

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

Reviewing the annual audit, approving bills, approving new budget, executive session and accepting resignation were the highlights of New Brockton's Town Council meeting Monday evening.

The town's auditing firm, Carpenter Bevis & Eberhart of Dothan, had

some good news for council members, but they also had some bad news.

The town received an unqualified opinion, the type, according to the auditors, that you would want to receive.

An unqualified opinion means that in the opinion of the auditors, the audit represents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position

of the Town of New Brockton as of September 30, 1992.

Council members were told by the auditors that there was some concern for the "red ink" in the general fund. In the general fund, there was a deficit of \$36,000. In the auditor's words, "this means that if we closed the doors, took everything in that was owed us and tried to pay everything we owed we would be

\$36,000 short of doing that as of Sept. 30, 1992.

The auditors said that this matter needs to be addressed because "it could hamper the town's borrowing of funds."

Things that can be done are cut expenses and/or raise revenue - taxes, garbage fees or whatever the council may consider doing. It was also suggested by the auditors that the Water and Sewer Board could possibly pay a little more overhead.

A budget with a projected revenue income of \$248,886.36 and expenditure of \$288,848.72 was approved by council members.

The police department was the highest item on the budget - \$101,322.72. Next was the administration at \$97,308.34 and third, the street department at \$74,562.80.

A 3.7 percent cost-of-living pay increase for all city employees with one or more years of service was also approved by the council.

Other action taken by the council was as follows:

Approved the moving of the next regular town council meeting to Monday, January 11, 1993.

Agreed to seek help for the Shriners from the Ft. Rucker Army Engineers in constructing fairgrounds on the land recently purchased east of town on U.S. Hwy. 84.

Gave approval to assist the County Extension Service in preparation of a brochure to be handed out at Alabama Welcoming Stations.

Granted a one-time pay increase for all city employees one week prior to Christmas. The increase will be \$50 for full-time employees and \$25 for part-time employees.

Council was informed that the deadline for contractors to qualify for the Housing Rehab list is Jan. 11, 1992.

Appointed members to the Board of Adjustments for the town's zoning commission.

## Elba City Attorney in Federal Court

Elba City Attorney Mark Vaughan was in Federal Court in Montgomery Monday.

He was there for a pre-trial hearing on a re-districting suit against Elba. This is the same suit which caused the Coffee County Commission to hold a new election last summer.

Vaughan said Elba districts are racially balanced but numerically unbalanced but were that way when the Justice Department approved them before the 1988 elections. He hopes the court will delay redistricting until the 1996 elections.

## New Brockton Rescue Squad resumes operation

by Marvin McLwain  
Editor

The New Brockton Rescue Squad resumed operation on Monday after being out of commission for almost two years.

Squad members answered their first call Monday afternoon soon after being licensed by the State Emergency Medical Services to resume operation.

The crew responding to the medical emergency reported that the run went off without any problems.

The squad's license was re-issued by EMS on December 1 after a more rigorous than normal inspection.

Squad members' credentials as well as equipment were checked by state officials before giving its approval for the unit to be placed in service.

Although the licenses were issued on December 1, the squad was not placed into service until Monday. This was done because squad members held several meetings to elect officers, prepare a duty roster and to become familiar with the rescue unit and where all the equipment was stored. This was done to ensure that the squad was ready when the call for help came. They were ready!

Due to a drop in membership and the availability of trained personnel to respond to emergency calls, the

New Brockton Rescue Squad ceased operation almost two years ago.

There had been rumors of problems within the squad and unfounded stories of a pending lawsuit.

According to the squad's new Captain Ten Brown, the only reason the rescue squad ceased its operation was because of the shortage of qualified personnel.

New Brockton's Mayor Kathryn Holley, in announcing that the rescue squad was back in operation, commented that there was not and has never been a lawsuit against the squad.

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## Elba's Christmas Festival to be full day of events

by Henrietta Grimes

Saturday, December 12, 1992 will soon be here. That is the day of our 5th Annual Christmas Festival in Elba. We are real excited about the day's events and hope that you will mark your calendar and come on down to the square and help us celebrate.

Our day will begin at 9 o'clock with the arts and crafts being set up around the square. We have around 75 different exhibitors already signed up and expect more before Saturday. This will be a good time to do some last minute Christmas shopping and we know you will be able to find something unique for that special person on your list.

We will start our live entertainment at 10 o'clock. We have a lot of local talent that will be sharing their spirit of Christmas with us during the day. Our FFA Quartet and String Band will be playing and singing for us. But you didn't know that Elba had its own "Elvis." Well we do and he and his group will be performing. Rob Hudson and Christina Carpenter will be entertaining us also. They both worked at Fiesta Texas during the summer. Rob with "Music Country Music" and Christina with "They Went Thata Way." The "Joyous Hearts" quartet from Westside Baptist Church will also be singing for us. Camie Kelley, a fourth grader and Elba Elementary School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kelley, will be singing. We also have a local group of young clergies who will be logging for us.

We also have returning again this year the Geneva Rhythm Band. They are sponsored by the AARP and are a very enjoyable group every time.

The hand bell choir from First Baptist Church, directed by Mr. Gray will be performing for us from 1:30 to 2 o'clock. This will be a very inspirational group and we know you don't want to miss this special treat.

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band will be in concert on the square in the afternoon. A special thanks to you because of your effort after being up late at the ball game and waiting to play and march in our parade. To you members and Mr. Bright we say thank you.

Our fashion show will be at 2 o'clock. I know that Ellen and Marsha at Martin's Inc. and all the other local merchants have a lot of pretty holiday wear for us to see. We are real excited about their fashions and hope that the local seamstresses will join in to show off their hand made articles.

Hot! Hot! Look who will be on the square at the gazebo. Old Santa himself. He will be visiting with the children. He will have his pad and pen ready to make out who has been good and who has been bad. Kids watch out and have your list ready to tell the jolly old man what you would like for him to leave at your house on Christmas Eve night as he and Rudolph and all the other reindeer pay a visit to you. Santa will have a surprise for all the good boys and girls. Come by to see him located in the gazebo on the square.

Little Miss Christmas will get under way at 3 o'clock. We will select a new Little Miss Christmas to reign over the festivities the rest of the year. She will ride the float provided by the Chamber. All of the little girls who participated will receive a trophy and will ride the float. Our Little Miss Christmas 1991 will help us to crown our new one and she also will be riding in the parade as our outgoing Little Miss Christmas.

Our lighting ceremony will be at 5 o'clock with the lighting of the tree. Let's all be there to see our city become a glow of beauty as the lights are turned on for the first time this year.

The parade will begin at 5 o'clock. It will start at the old elementary school on the Troy Highway and take the same route as usual. We still need to know if you plan to be in the parade and have not reserved a spot in the line-up.

There will be a live nativity scene on the square after the parade. Members of the Westside Baptist Church are providing this feature. The nativity can be seen from 6 until 7 p.m.

The public is encouraged to come out and enjoy a full day of festivities.



**DISTINGUISHED VISITORS...** Several weeks ago, several officials from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union paid a visit to Dorsey Trailers' flagship plant located in Elba. While in there, the group toured the trailer plant, visited with Dorsey management and visited with union members. This was the first visit to the facility by this group and they stated that they were very impressed by what they saw and heard. Pictured above are (l-r): George J. Kourpias, IAM International president; Roy Brooks, Jr., Local IAM Lodge #1769 president; and Edgar House, IAM general vice-president - southern territory.

## New policy on CDLS begins Jan. 1, 1993

The Alabama Department of Public Safety will no longer exempt commercial drivers from road skills tests beginning Jan. 1, 1993.

The department will accept and process the grandfathering certificates only through December 31, according to Lt. J. A. Byrd, head of the Commercial Driver License Unit.

Under the new policy, all Alabama CDL applicants must take a road skills test along with a written exam.

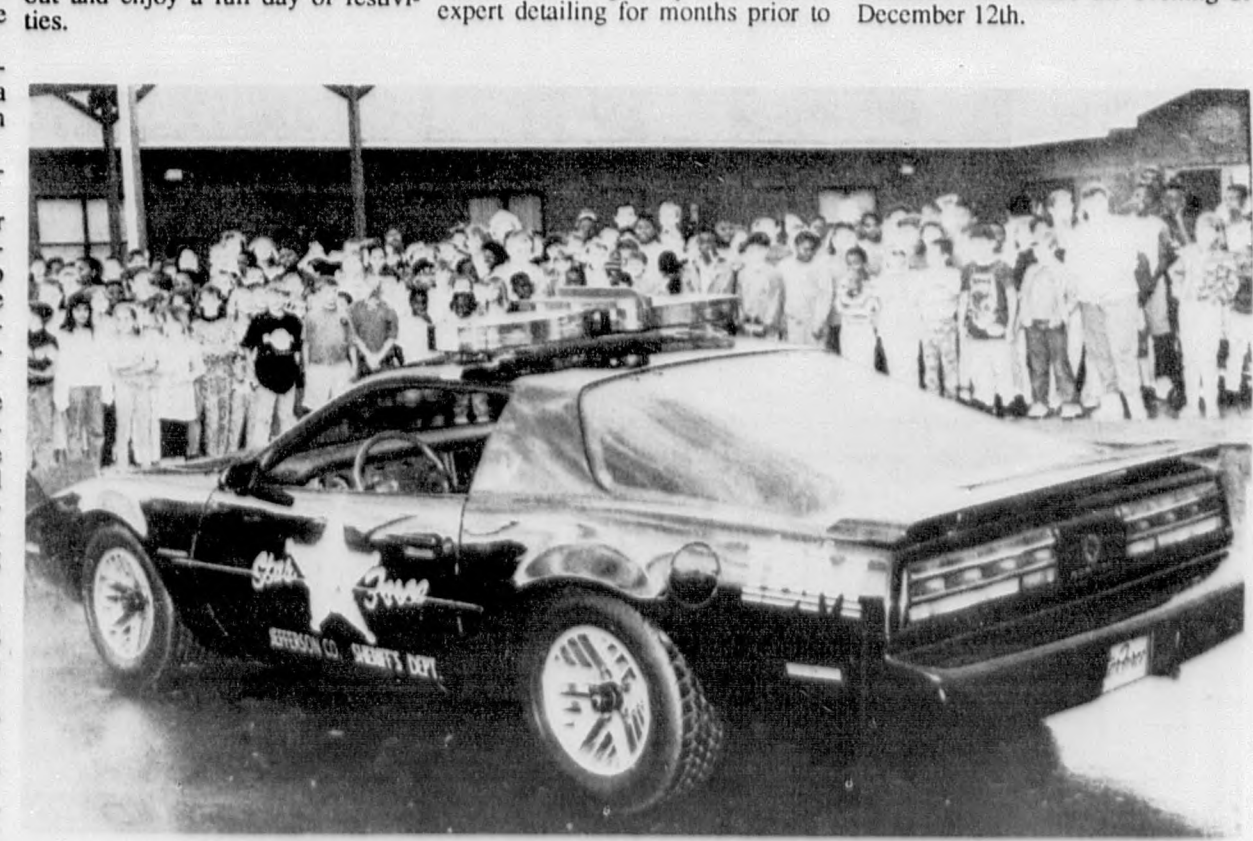
Grandfathering forms received after Dec. 31 will be discarded.

Since testing began in October 1990, Public Safety allowed "grandfathering" of applicants with two years experience in the type vehicle for which they were applying for a license. No road skills test was required.

Approximately 90 percent of the more than 108,000 commercial drivers licensed by Public Safety were grandfathered. However, virtually all current applicants are new commercial drivers who do not have the experience to qualify for licensing without the road skills test.

Another change, effective January 1, requires CDL applicants to submit a U. S. Department of Transportation Medical Form completed in its entirety. Currently applicants submit only the Medical Examiner's Certificate and while the physician retains the long form.

Drivers exempted from the DOT medical from requirement are city, county, state and federal government employees and those who drive church vans or buses.



**SPECIAL VISITOR AT ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...** A few days ago, the students at EES had a very special car pay them a visit and talk to them. Yes, the car did talk to the students! Star Force is a 1990 Pontiac Firebird which was purchased by the Jefferson County Alabama Sheriff's Department to be used as an undercover car in the war on illegal drugs in the county. After its short and successful career in drug enforcement, engineers from the IBM Corporation equipped the car with several "very special features" to be used in the prevention of illegal drug and alcohol abuse. The car talks, dances, plays music, performs magic and even does acrobatics to get the audience's attention. Once the car has the kids' attention, it tells them about drugs and alcohol and warns the board of education, the road school and the board of health of them. The visit was arranged by D.A.R.E. Officer Dean Blair and Donnie Byrd, a narcotics investigator with the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug Task Force.

## HAPPENINGS

**GO TIGERS GO.** The Elba Tigers journey to Vernon Friday night to play Lamar County for the Class 3-A state high school football championship. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. FOR CHARTER BUS INFORMATION and/or RESERVATIONS CALL 897-2266 or 897-2322. The deadline is TODAY (Thursday) at 4 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL.** Elba's 5th Annual Christmas Festival is to be held on Saturday, December 12, 1992. The festival will take place on the courthouse square in downtown Elba. There will be arts and crafts exhibited, entertainment, food, fashion show and many other activities. A Christmas Parade will begin at 5:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS KETTLE.** The Salvation Army has placed a Christmas Kettle at the Big Bear in Elba for the holiday season. Elba citizens, clubs, youth organizations, church groups, etc., are being asked to assist the Salvation Army in sponsoring (working) the kettle. Since the Elba flood, many residents have shown an interest in donating their time to help this volunteer effort. Interested individuals or groups may call Jean Moore at 897-2841, Miriam Farris at 347-0881 or B. F. Garth at 347-8690.

**TURKEY SHOOT.** The Zion Chapel Athletic Club is sponsoring a turkey shoot on Saturday, December 12. The shoot will be held at the Zion Chapel High School beginning at 11 a.m.